

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends James C. "Jim" Beam upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend James C. "Jim" Beam upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper to congratulate Jim Beam for this honor; and

WHEREAS, Jim has been an integral part of the Louisiana political and journalism worlds for over five decades; and

WHEREAS, James C. "Jim" Beam was born in Cameron, Louisiana, on October 7, 1933, and is a lifelong resident of Lake Charles, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Jim graduated from LaGrange High School in 1951 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from McNeese State University in 1955 and a Master of Arts in American History from Louisiana State University in 1962; and

WHEREAS, after undergrad, Jim served his country in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957 before returning home to teach in the Calcasieu Parish school system from 1958 to 1961; and

WHEREAS, Jim's journalism career began at the Lake Charles American Press as a reporter in 1961, city editor in 1965, co-editor in 1982, and editor in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Jim began covering the Louisiana Legislature in 1968 during Governor

1 McKeithen's second term and has covered the legislature ever since; and

2 WHEREAS, Jim has won numerous awards for his writing from the Louisiana Press
3 Association, the Louisiana-Mississippi Associated Press, the Louisiana Medical Society, and
4 others throughout the decades; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to political columns, Jim has also published several
6 collections of work, including "Positively Beaming" and "A Matter of Trust"; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim has deservedly received accolades and recognitions throughout his
8 distinguished career such as being chosen in 2000 to be the first "Lake Area Legend" by the
9 Advertising and Press Club and receiving the Hector San Miguel Memorial Award for
10 Outstanding Achievement in Journalism in 2010; and

11 WHEREAS, Jim retired from the Lake Charles American Press as editor in 1999, but
12 his passion for Louisiana politics remains strong and he continues to cover the Louisiana
13 Legislature and write regular editorials at age 83; and

14 WHEREAS, James "Jim" Beam brings pride to the Southwest Louisiana region as
15 the first and only journalist from Southwest Louisiana to be inducted into the Louisiana
16 Political Museum and Hall of Fame; and

17 WHEREAS, Jim Beam's fifty-six years of commitment to accurate reporting and
18 professionalism are admired and respected by many and Louisiana is grateful for his work
19 and proud to induct him into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 commend James C. "Jim" Beam upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and
22 Hall of Fame.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
24 James C. Beam.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley Menou.

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